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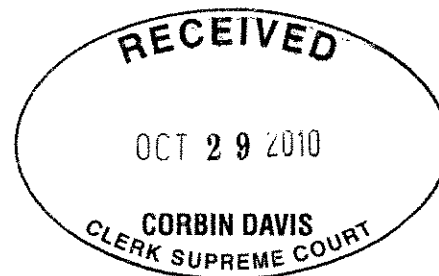
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Chief Justice Marilyn J. Kelly
Michigan Supreme Court
P.O. Box 30052
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RE: ADM file no. 2002-24; 2009-22; 2010-18; 2008-12; 2010-16

Dear Chief Justice Kelly:

At the October 19, 2010 meeting of the Michigan Judges Association, the Executive Board, Rules Committee, and Family Law Committee considered the above-referenced proposed amendments.

MJA considered ADM file no. 2002-24, proposed amendment of Rule 7.3 of the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct. MJA takes no position on the proposed amendment.

MJA further considered ADM file no. 2009-22 proposed amendment of Rules 7.212 and 7.215 of the Michigan Court Rules. MJA opposes the proposed amendments. We feel that it would be easier for the party seeking to use an unpublished decision to provide a copy and we are concerned with the number of pro-se litigants who may not have access to the materials on line.

MJA further considered ADM file no. 2010-18 proposed amendment of Rule 6.1 of the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct. We support adoption of Alternative A if it is felt any amendment is needed.

MJA further considered ADM file no. 2008-12 proposed amendment of Rule 2.002 of the Michigan Court Rules. We support the adoption of the amendment.

MJA further considered ADM file no. 2010-16 proposed amendment of Rules 6.302 and 6.610 of the Michigan Court Rules. We would support adoption of Alternative B but would recommend that the last line be deleted as it is not needed since the plea will not be allowed unless the defendant indicates awareness of the risk and is willing to proceed. We would also encourage language be added to the Waiver of Rights form by SCAO to reflect these changes.

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We thank the Court for considering our input on these matters. If the Michigan Judges Association may provide any further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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